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IN LITTLE COMPASS.



THE four necessary and chief Articles of Belief in the Church of England, and as contained in the Scriptures, are :

FIRST.

The Trinity, that is to say Three Persons and one God : God the Father who made us ; God the Son who redeemed us ; and God the Holy Ghost who sanctifieth all the real
Children

Children of God. *See* 1 *Cor.* viii. 4.
Gal. 1. 3. *Rom.* ix. 5. *John* xiv.
 16, 17. *Matt.* xxviii. 19.

SECONDLY.

The fall of Man by Adam's Disobedience into a state of guilt and sin. This is called Original Sin or Birth-sin. Hence every person born into the world is born in sin and under the wrath of God; and remains in this dreadful state, till pardoned by the mercy of God through Christ, and changed by Grace. *See* *Genesis* ii. and iii. chaps. Also v. of *Romans*, verse 12, and from 14 to end, also *Rom.* iii. 10. *Ephes.* ii. 3.

THIRDLY.

The pardon and forgiveness of Sins through the blood of Christ,
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called "the Atonement" or "Propitiation," and without faith in which, we cannot be justified in the sight of God, or do any thing that is pleasing to him. See *Levit. xvii. 11. 1 John i. latter part of verse 7. Rom. iii. 23, 24, 25. 1 Peter iii. 18. John iii. 36. See also the 11th Article of the Church.*

FOURTHLY.

The fourth article of faith is the influence of the Holy Spirit, without whose renewing and sanctifying power we can do nothing right in the sight of God. See *John vi. part of ver. 63. Titus iii. ch. 5, 6.*

All real and true religion begins in an inward change of the heart, will and affections, by the power of
God,

God, which is called the New-birth or Regeneration. See *John iii. ch. 5. ver.* This blessing is freely granted to all, who, being humbled for sin, sincerely pray to God for it, through Christ. See the comfortable promise in *St. Matt. vii. ch. from 7th to 12th verse.* And they who are true believers in Christ, that is, all real Christians, evidence this inward change, and their happy state, by a life of holy, meek, upright, orderly, and exemplary conduct. See *Philip iv. 8.* 1 *John i. 6.* also *Heb. xiii. 7, 8.*

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